Pocahontas Chapter 7

## Marlinton Visited By Early Morning Fire

### Pifer Motor Company Garage Suffers Damage

Last Tuesday morning when the early risers were building their fires and the night owls were just getting to sleep the frosty air was split by the heart catching wail of the fire siren.

The siren called at about 5:20 a. m. and the fire fighters were on the job in a few minutes and found that the blaze was just two doors from the fire house, at Pifer's Garage.

Without losing any time the smoke eaters unreeled their hose and soon had a stream of Marlinton's nauseating water on the blaze It looked for a while like the barber shop of Frank Moore and the Fire House were also doomed but there is evidently something in our evil smelling water that is death on fire for the boys soon had the inferno calmed down and after a three hour fight in freezing weather finally put the blackout on the insurance man's nightmare.

It is thought that the fire was caused by defective wiring in the building.

Due to the prompt and effective efforts of the local fire company damage was limited to the balcony and roof of the old Opera House building. The amount of the damage has been estimated at about $4,000 part of which is accounted for by parts stored on the balcony by the garage.

There were quite a few automobiles stored in the garage at the time of the fire but with the help of the firemen and other citizens they were all removed before they were damaged.

While this was one of the most spectacular fires that has visited Marlinton in some time it could have caused many times the damage it did had it not been for the good work of the local fire company under the leadership of Fire Chief Paul Overholt, and the entire community owes these lads a debt of gratitude for their prompt, efficient service.

Just a word to the non-resident about Marlinton's water. The water we are now using is not our regular supply, water is now being obtained from mineral wells, which explains the strange odor and taste.

## Calvin Price Talks On Nationwide Hookup

Last Tuesday night the names of Marlinton and the Greenbrier river were heard from coast to coast of our land as Calvin W. Price, editor of the Pocahontas Times, spoke over the nationwide hookup of the "We The People" program.

Editor Price is to be congratulated on being chosen to speak over the air on this program as it is one of the most popular on the networks.

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